

Fundamentals of Computer and Programming

Lecture 2

Structured Programming and Algorithm Design

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What We Will Learn

- Algorithms
- Structured program development
- Pseudo-code and Flowcharts
- Sample algorithms to practice problem-solving steps
- **Input** and **Output** analysis



Recap: Algorithms

- An algorithm is a procedure for solving a problem in terms of
 - the **actions** to execute, and
 - the **order** in which these actions should be executed.
- Specifying the order in which statements should execute in a computer program is called **program control**.



Structured Programming

- All programs could be written in terms of **three control structures**:
 - The **sequence** structure,
 - The **selection** structure, and
 - The **iteration** structure.
- The notion of **structured programming** **became** almost synonymous with “**goto elimination**.”



Recap: Pseudocode

- **Pseudocode** is an informal artificial language similar to everyday English
- **Pseudocode** helps you develop algorithms before converting them to **structured C programs**.
- **Pseudocode** is convenient and user-friendly.
- **Pseudocode** is language-independent.
- Computers **do not execute** pseudocodes.



Recap: Flowcharts

- A **flowchart** is a **graphical representation** of an algorithm or a **portion of** an algorithm.
- You draw flowcharts using certain special-purpose symbols such as *rectangles*, *diamonds*, *rounded rectangles*, and *small circles*, connected by arrows called **flowlines**.
- Flowcharts clearly show how control structures operate.
 - Pseudocode is **preferred** by most programmers.



Computing the average of three numbers

Algorithm: Average

1. print “Please enter three integers”
2. read x_1, x_2, x_3
3. $\text{sum} \leftarrow x_1 + x_2 + x_3$
4. $\text{average} \leftarrow \text{sum} / 3$
5. print “Average = ” average



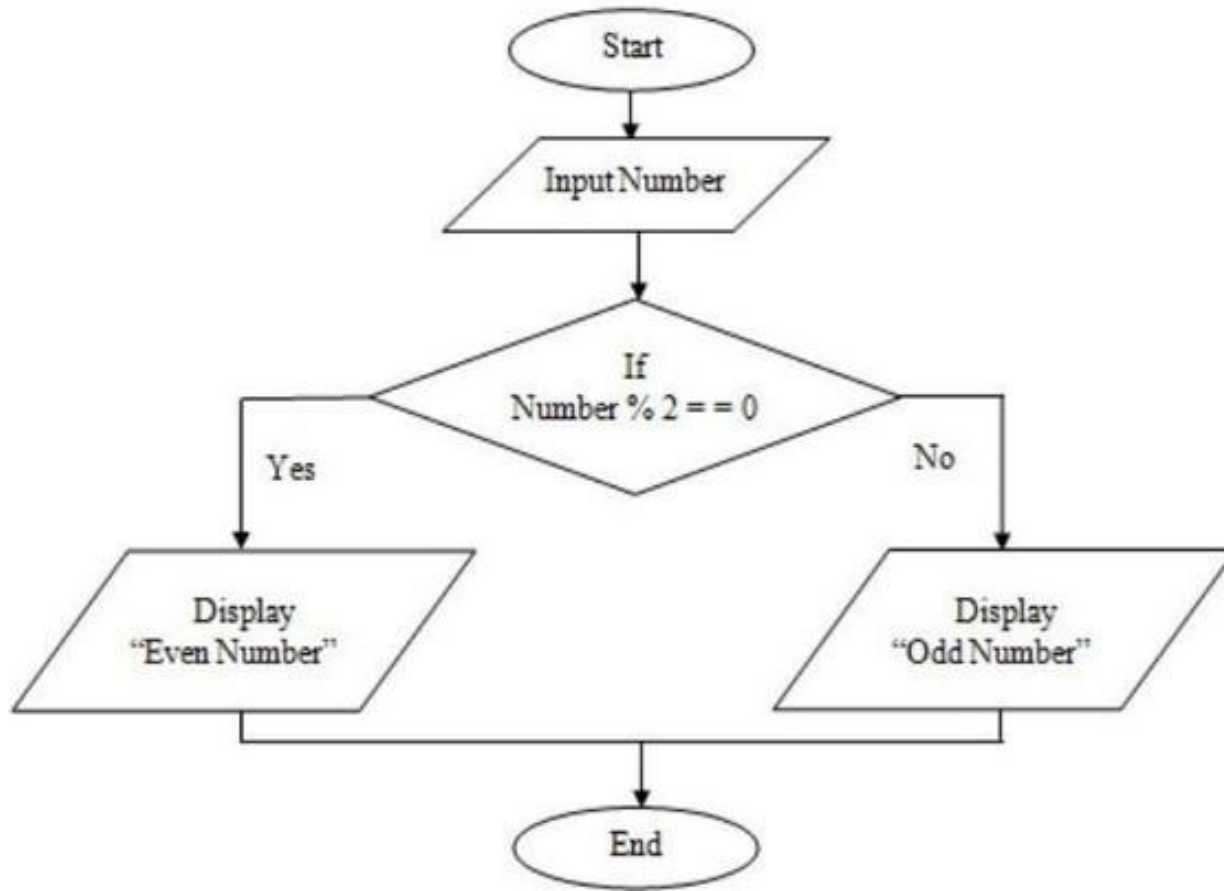
Algorithm: Odd-Even-1

1. print “Please enter an integer”
2. read n
3. $y \leftarrow n \bmod 2$
4. if ($y == 0$)
 - print “Number is even”
 - else
 - print “Number is odd”



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➤ Flowchart



Algorithm: Odd-Even-2

1. print “Please enter an integer”
2. read n
3. if($n < 0$)
 $n \leftarrow -1 * n$
4. while($n \geq 2$)
 $n \leftarrow n - 2$
5. if($n == 0$)
 print “even”
else
 print “odd”

Verify the
Algorithm



Algorithm: *Odd-Even-3*

1. print “Please enter an integer”
2. read n
3. while $(n \geq 2) \text{ or } (n \leq -1)$
 $n \leftarrow n - \text{sign}(n) * 2$
4. if $(n == 1)$
 print “odd”
else
 print “even”



الگوریتمی که یک رشته عدد را که با ۰ تمام می‌شود را می‌گیرد و تعداد اعداد زوج و فرد را چاپ می‌کند

Algorithm: Count Odd-Even

```
odd_cnt ← 0
even_cnt ← 0
print "Please enter an integer"
read n
while (n != 0)
    y ← n mod 2
    if (y == 0)
        even_cnt ← even_cnt + 1
    else
        odd_cnt ← odd_cnt + 1
    print "Please enter an integer"
    read n

print "Odd = " odd_cnt "Even = " even_cnt
```



الگوریتمی که یک عدد صحیح مثبت را بگیرد و مجموع ارقام آن را چاپ کند

Algorithm: Digit-Sum

print “Please enter a positive integer”

read n

sum \leftarrow 0

m \leftarrow n

while (n \neq 0)

 y \leftarrow n mod 10

 sum \leftarrow sum + y

 n \leftarrow n - y

 n \leftarrow n / 10

print “sum of digits of” m “ = ” sum

Verify the
Algorithm



الگوریتمی که یک عدد صحیح مثبت را بگیرد و آنرا در مبنای ۸ چاپ کند

Algorithm: Base-8

print “Please enter a positive integer”

read n

$i \leftarrow 0$

while (n \neq 0)

$x[i] \leftarrow n \bmod 8$

$n \leftarrow \text{floor}(n / 8)$

$i \leftarrow i + 1$

$i \leftarrow i - 1$

while (i \geq 0)

print x[i]

$i \leftarrow i - 1$



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Algorithm: Factorial-I

print "Please enter a positive integer"

read n

$i \leftarrow 1$

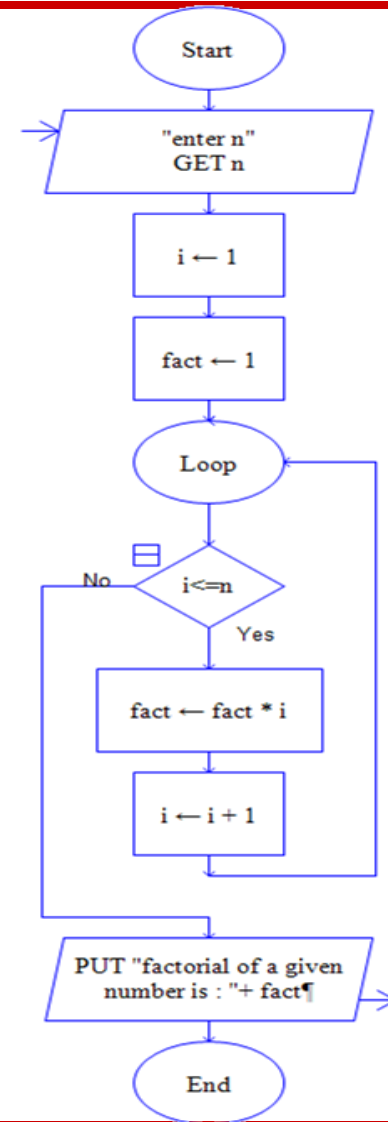
result $\leftarrow 1$

while ($i \leq n$)

 result $\leftarrow i * \text{result}$

$i \leftarrow i + 1$

return result



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Algorithm: Factorial-2

print “Please enter a positive integer”

read n

result \leftarrow 1

while (n > 0)

 result \leftarrow result * n

 n \leftarrow n - 1

return result



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Algorithm: Factorial-Recursive (n)

```
if (n <= 1)
    return 1
else
    return n * Factorial-Recursive (n - 1)
```



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Algorithm: sort (**x**, **start**, **end**)

while (**start** != **end**)

$j \leftarrow$ find index of minimum element from **start** to **end**

 swap $x[j]$ and $x[\text{start}]$

$\text{start} \leftarrow \text{start} + 1$

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Algorithm find_min(**x**, **start**, **end**)

$y \leftarrow \text{start}$

$i \leftarrow \text{start} + 1$

while ($i \leq \text{end}$)

 if($x[i] < x[y]$)

$y \leftarrow i$

$i \leftarrow i + 1$

return y

	8
	5
	2
	6
	9
	3
	1
	4
	0
	7

Verify the
Algorithm



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Algorithm swap(x, j, i)

$\text{temp} \leftarrow x[j]$

$x[j] \leftarrow x[i]$

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Algorithm swap2(x, j, i)

$x[j] \leftarrow x[j] + x[i]$

$x[i] \leftarrow x[j] - x[i]$

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الگوریتمی که آرایه صعودی از اعداد صحیح را بگیرد و آن را به صورت درجا (بدون استفاده از آرایه دیگر) تبدیل به آرایه نزولی کند.

Algorithm reverse(**A**, start, end)

if (start \geq end)

 return

else

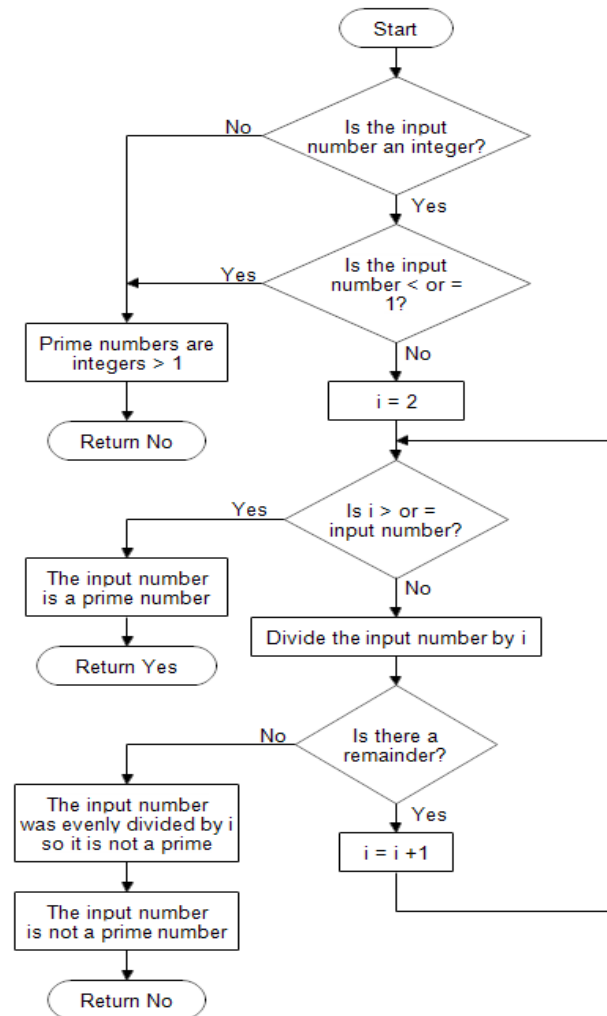
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 reverse(A, start + 1, end - 1)

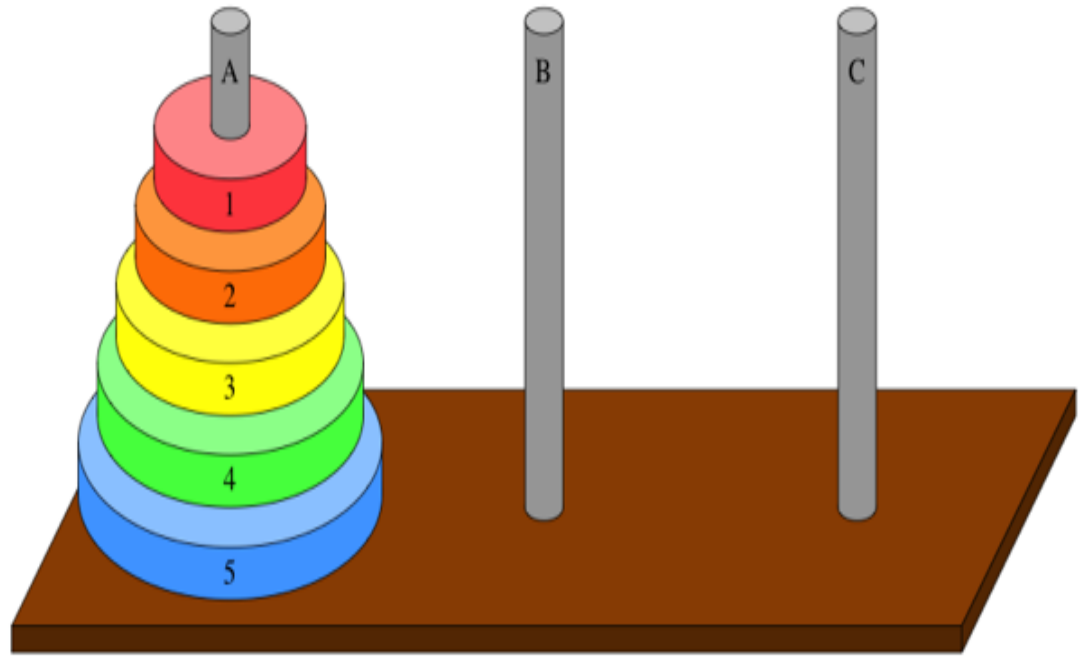


Flowchart to check whether a number is prime or not

Function: IsThisNumberPrime

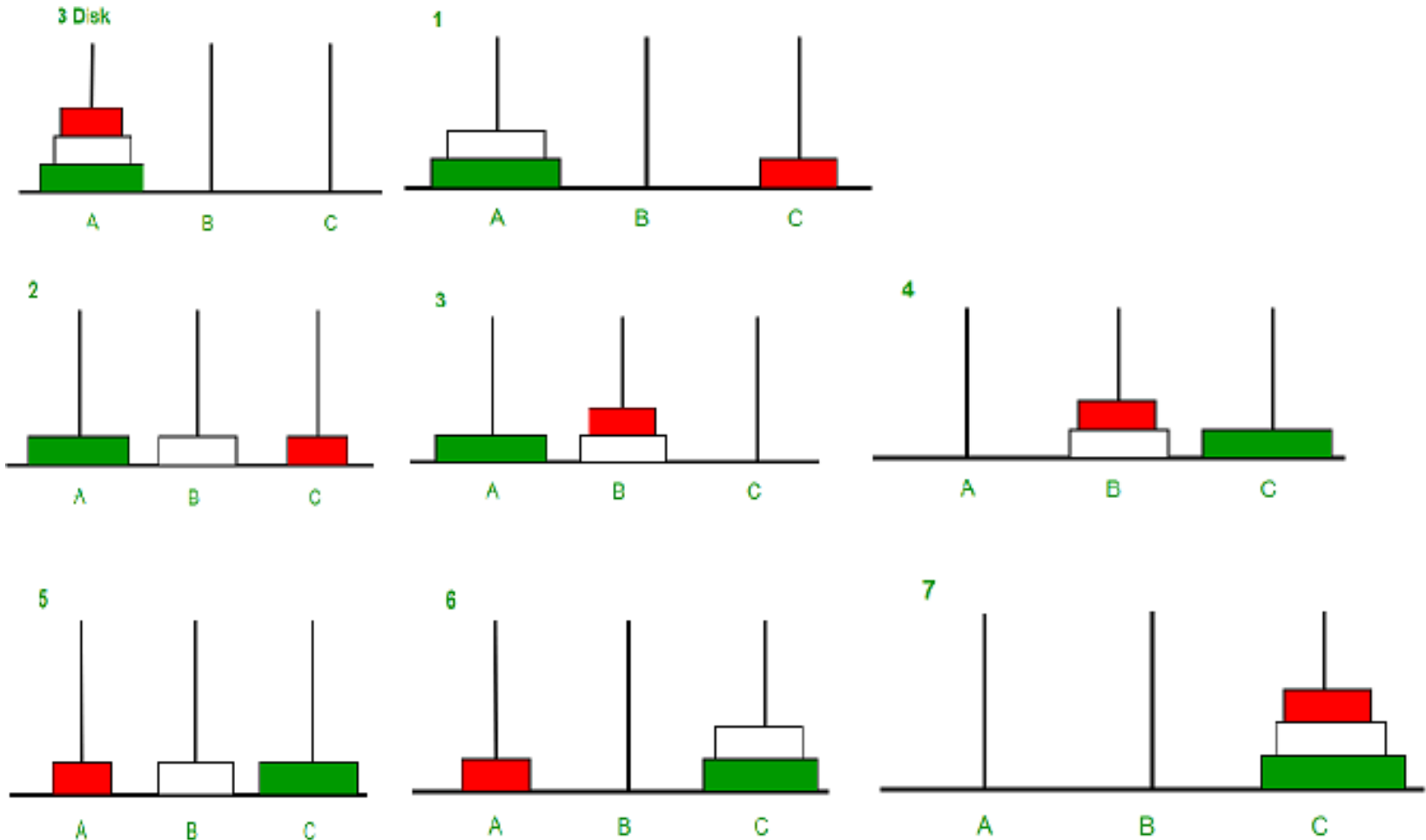


Tower of Hanoi



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➤ Solution trace for $n=3$ disks:



Tower of Hanoi

Algorithm Hanoi(n, source, target, auxiliary):

if ($n \leq 0$)

return

Move $n - 1$ disks from source to auxiliary

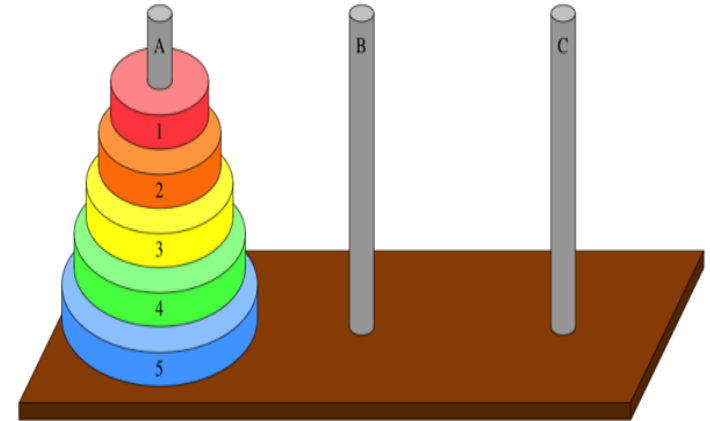
Hanoi($n - 1$, source, auxiliary, target)

Move the n^{th} disk from the source to the target

append the source last disk to the target

Move the $n - 1$ disks that we left on the auxiliary onto the target

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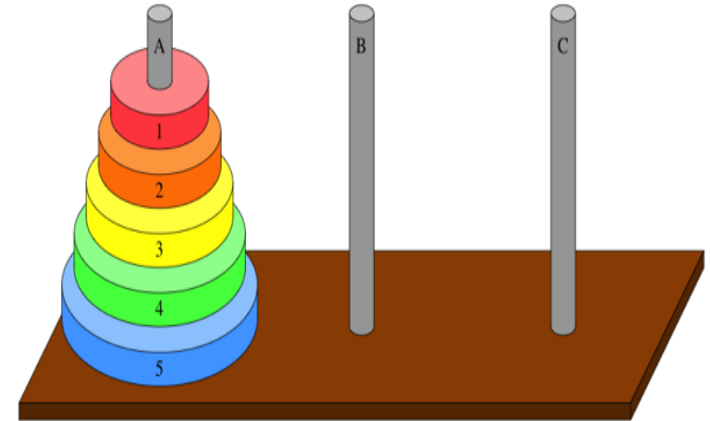
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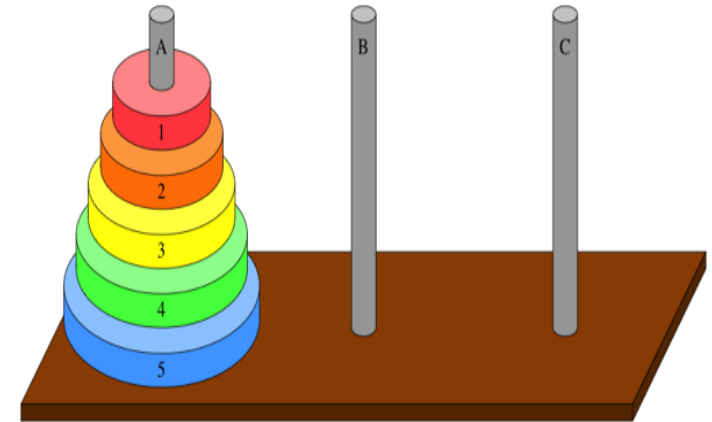
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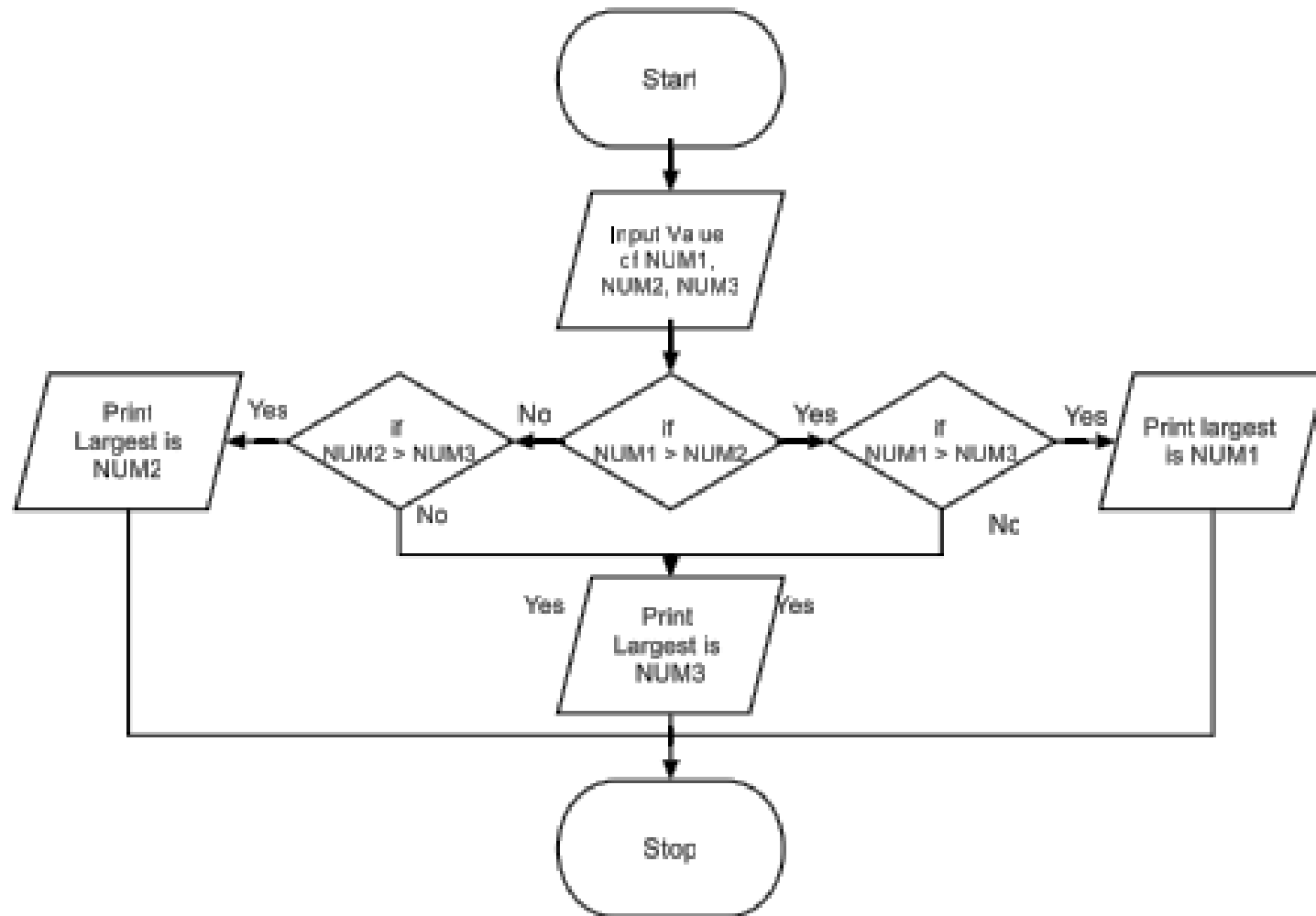
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Move disk 1 from rod A to rod C
Move disk 2 from rod A to rod B
Move disk 1 from rod C to rod B
Move disk 3 from rod A to rod C
Move disk 1 from rod B to rod A
Move disk 2 from rod B to rod C
Move disk 1 from rod A to rod C
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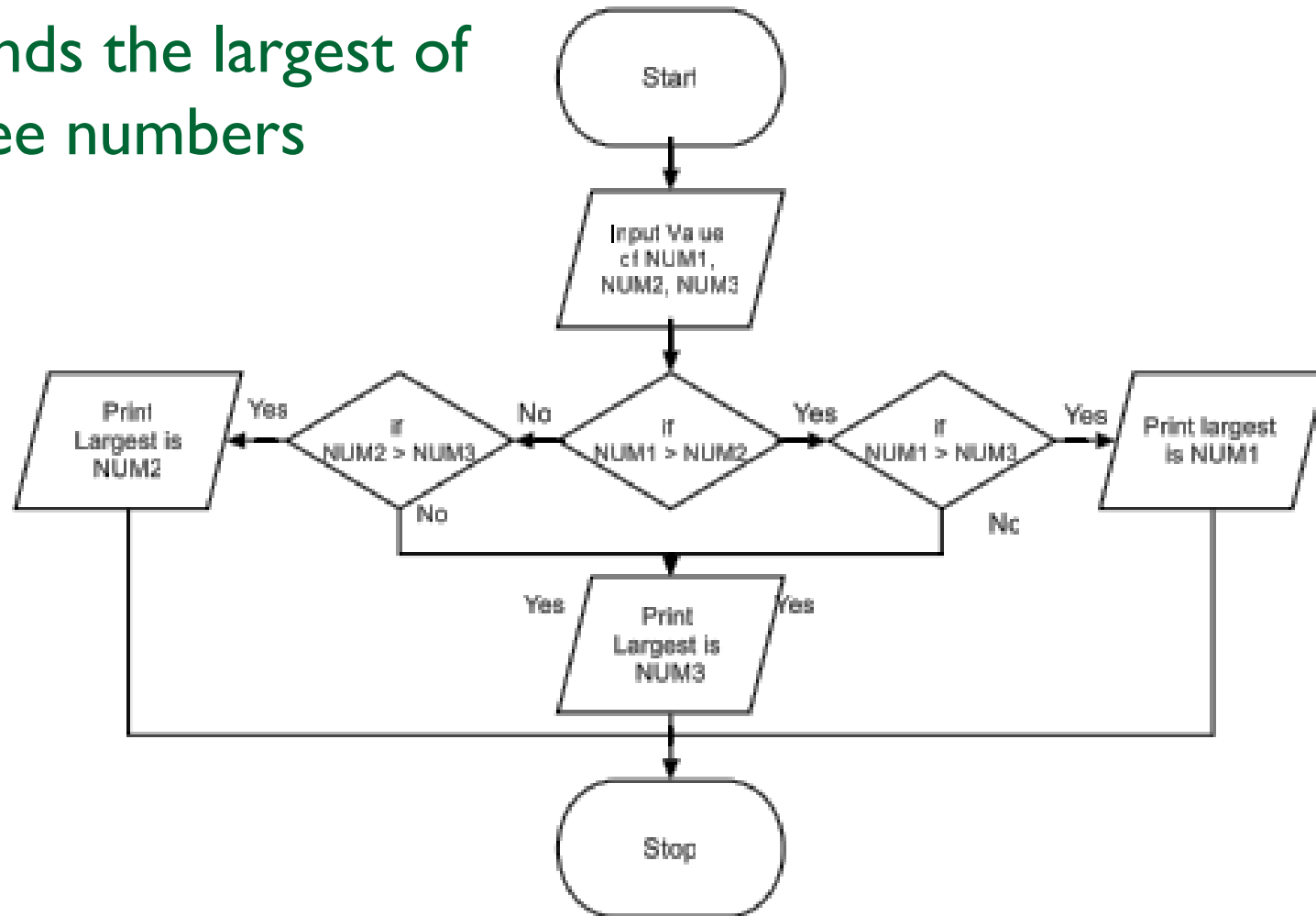


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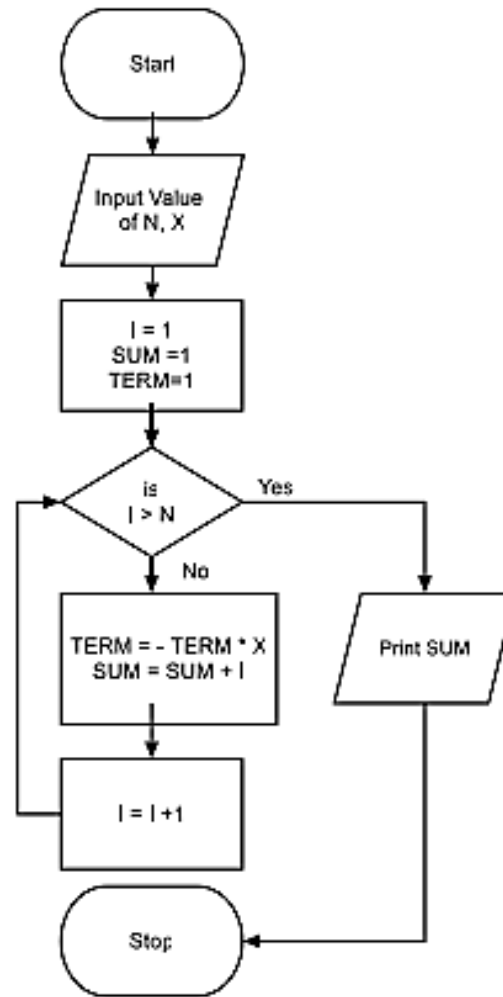


What does the following flowchart compute?

It finds the largest of three numbers



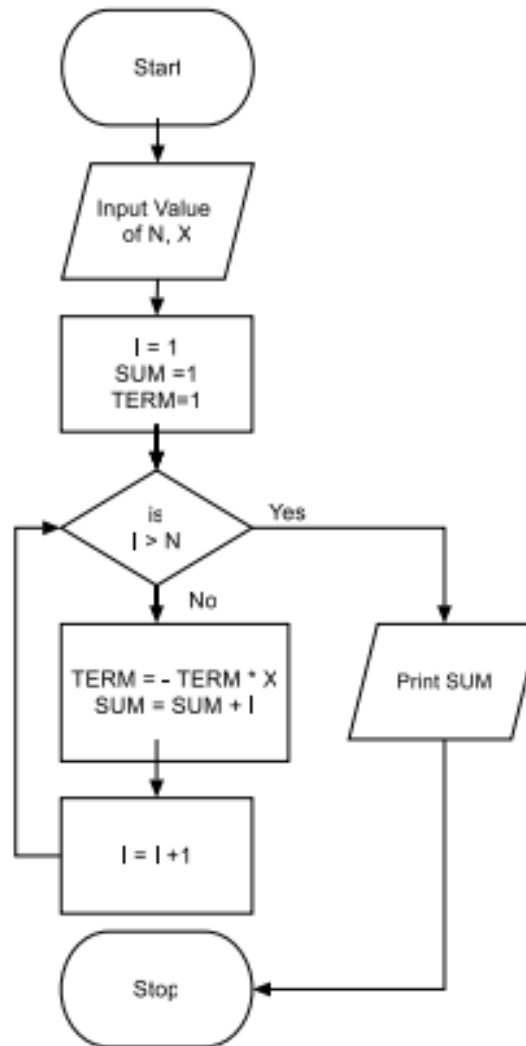
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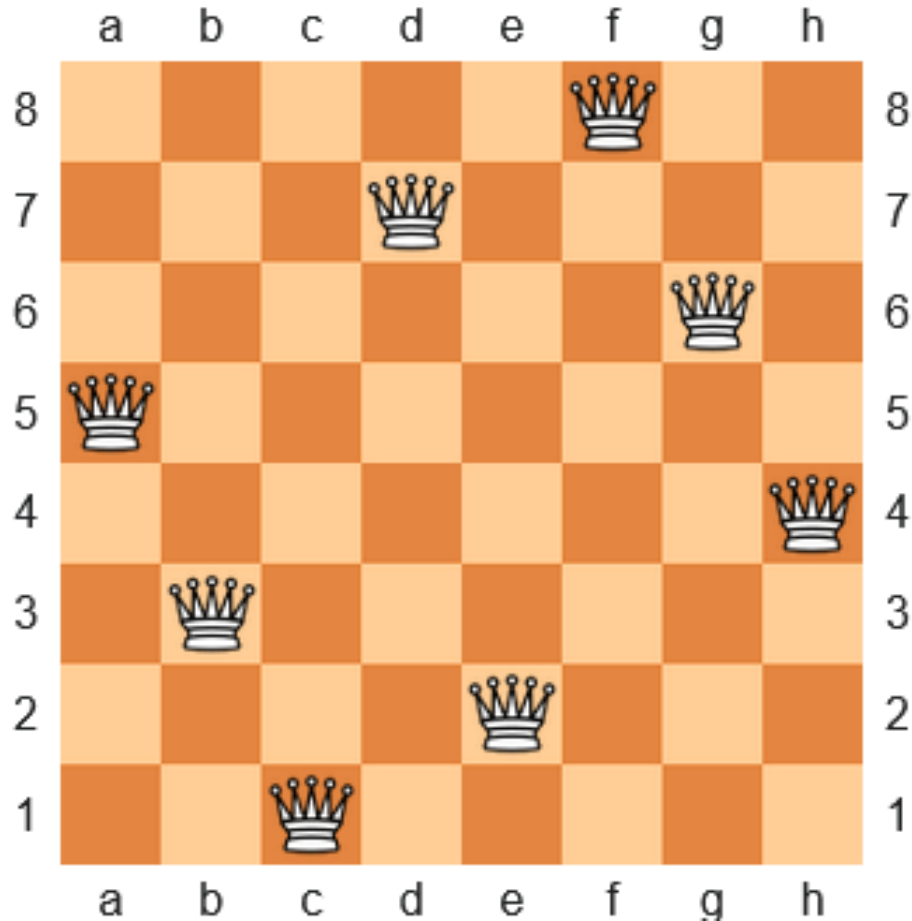
To find sum of the series

$$1 - X + X^2 - X^3 \dots X^N$$



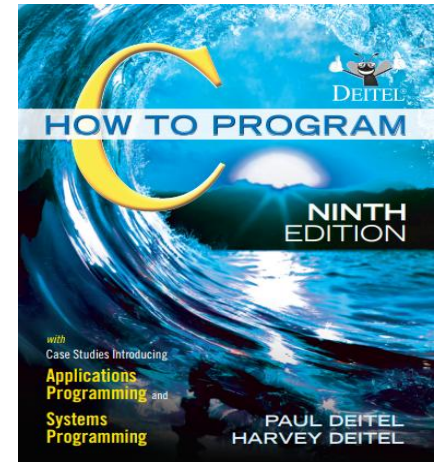
Advanced algorithms: Eight Queens Puzzle

➤ One possible solution



Summary

- There are **more than one algorithm** for a problem
 - Efficiency, Complexity, Clarity, ...
- Algorithm (Programming Language) building blocks
 - Calculations (Lecture 4)
 - Input / Output (Lecture 5)
 - Decision Making (Lecture 6)
 - Repeating (Lecture 7)
 - Modular Programming (Lecture 8)
 - Arrays + Memory Management (Lectures 9 and 10)
 - Others (Complex data types and Files) (Lectures 11 and 12)



Reading Assignment

- **Reading Assignment:** Sections 3.1 to 3.4 of **Chapter 3** of “C How to Program”
- Read and practice the problems discussed:
<https://www.programming9.com/raptor-flowcharts>

